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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter
50, Part 2, relative to community education programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-201(a), is amended by
inserting the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- (4) The use of public school facilities for after-school care for children of working
parents and utilizing such time for the enhancement of public school programs, including
tutoring, counseling and cultural programs and projects;
- (5) The use of public school facilities for senior citizens services;
- (6) Placing emphasis on adult evening literacy and GED courses;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-201, is amended by adding
the following language to be designated as subsection (d):

(d) The commissioner is encouraged to develop an initiative for the
implementation of pilot programs in each of the three (3) grand divisions to enhance
community education programs which emphasize community involvement and usage of
the public school facilities as community educational centers in accordance with the
provisions of subsection (a).

The initiative shall include guidelines to assist local communities in which the
pilot projects are to be implemented in:

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(1) planning, establishing, expanding and maintaining community education based on local goals and resources;

(2) establishing a process to provide a mechanism for home to school to community partnerships in the teaching and learning process; and

(3) any other items deemed essential or advisable by the commissioner in planning for an orderly growth and development of community education.

SECTION 3. The commissioner and the state board of education are directed to take reasonable steps to update and disseminate to local education agencies the five-year "State Plan for Comprehensive Community Education Development in Tennessee 1992-1997". At such time as the state plan is revised, the local education agencies are authorized and are encouraged to implement community education programs based on such revised plan.

SECTION 4 This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.